

Our committee investigation makes crystal clear why Trump and his cronies obstructed our work. Trump's handpicked Treasury Secretary and IRS head were at best delirious. At worst they were corrupt and criminal.

Trump paid a pittance in taxes for years. He overinflated losses to shirk his duty as an American citizen.

Trump's government failed to conduct a mandatory review of his tax records. They broke the law.

We provided the IRS with funds to prevent tax cheats from abusing our tax code. Now, we must ensure the IRS cannot meddle with the audit process and presidential returns are made public.

Americans must have faith that our tax system is fair. No one is above the law. It is time to act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1529, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 680. An act for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar.

H.R. 897. An act to take certain lands in California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1154. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con Res. 82. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Black Americans in Congress, 1870-1989".

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1541. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to ensure just and reasonable charges for telephone and advanced communications services in correctional and detention facilities.

S. 3405. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue a rule pro-

viding that certain low power television stations may be accorded primary status as Class A television licenses, and for other purposes.

S. 4439. An act to take certain Federal land located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, and for other purposes.

S. 4814. An act to establish a demonstration program for the active remediation of orbital debris and to require the development of uniform orbital debris standard practices in order to support a safe and sustainable orbital environment, and for other purposes.

#### NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1529, I call up the bill (S. 1942) to standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1529, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1942

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Heritage Area Act".

#### SEC. 2. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle I of title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

#### "DIVISION C—NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

#### "CHAPTER 1201—NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM

"Sec.

"120101. Definition of National Heritage Area.

"120102. Establishment of National Heritage Area System.

"120103. National Heritage Area studies and designation.

"120104. Evaluation.

#### "§ 120101. Definition of National Heritage Area

"In this chapter, the term 'National Heritage Area' means a component of the National Heritage Area System described in section 120102(b).

#### "§ 120102. Establishment of National Heritage Area System

"(a) IN GENERAL.—To recognize certain areas of the United States that tell nationally significant stories and to conserve, enhance, and interpret those nationally significant stories and the natural, historic, scenic, and cultural resources of areas that illustrate significant aspects of the heritage of the United States, there is established a National Heritage Area System through the administration of which the Secretary may provide technical and financial assistance to local coordinating entities to support the establishment, development, and continuity of the National Heritage Areas.

"(b) NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM COMPONENTS.—The National Heritage Area System shall be composed of—

"(1) each National Heritage Area, National Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Canalway, Cultural Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Route, and National Heritage Partnership designated by Congress be-

fore or on the date of enactment of this chapter; and

"(2) each National Heritage Area designated by Congress after the date of enactment of this chapter.

"(c) RELATIONSHIP TO THE SYSTEM.—

"(1) RELATIONSHIP TO SYSTEM UNITS.—The Secretary shall—

"(A) ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, participation and assistance by any administrator of the System unit that is located near or encompassed by a National Heritage Area in local initiatives for the National Heritage Area to conserve and interpret resources consistent with the applicable management plan for the National Heritage Area; and

"(B) work with local coordinating entities to promote public enjoyment of System units and System-related resources.

"(2) TREATMENT.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—A National Heritage Area shall not be—

"(i) considered to be a System unit; or

"(ii) subject to the authorities applicable to System units.

"(B) EFFECT.—Nothing in this paragraph affects the administration of a System unit located within the boundaries of a National Heritage Area.

"(d) AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out this chapter, the Secretary may—

"(1) conduct or review, as applicable, feasibility studies in accordance with section 120103(a);

"(2) conduct an evaluation of the accomplishments of, and submit to Congress a report that includes recommendations regarding the role of the Service with respect to, each National Heritage Area, in accordance with section 120104;

"(3) enter into cooperative agreements with other Federal agencies, States, Tribal governments, local governments, local coordinating entities, and other interested individuals and entities to achieve the purposes of the National Heritage Area System;

"(4) provide information, promote understanding, and encourage research regarding National Heritage Areas, in partnership with local coordinating entities; and

"(5) provide national oversight, analysis, coordination, technical and financial assistance, and support to ensure consistency and accountability of the National Heritage Area System.

#### "§ 120103. National Heritage Area studies and designation

"(a) STUDIES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary may carry out or review a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of each proposed National Heritage Area for designation as a National Heritage Area.

"(2) PREPARATION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—A study under paragraph (1) may be carried out—

"(i) by the Secretary, in consultation with State and local historic preservation officers, State and local historical societies, State and local tourism offices, and other appropriate organizations and governmental agencies; or

"(ii) by interested individuals or entities, if the Secretary certifies that the completed study meets the requirements of paragraph (3).

"(B) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 1 year after receiving a study carried out by interested individuals or entities under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary shall review and certify whether the study meets the requirements of paragraph (3).

"(3) REQUIREMENTS.—A study under paragraph (1) shall include analysis, documentation, and determinations on whether the proposed National Heritage Area—